Level 1

Clean Cat

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This is my house. Ma, Pa and Cheena also live here.

The best chair in the house is for me. But sitting on the lap is even better, isn't it?

Cheena is my best friend. I wait for her to return from school.

I keep myself clean without water. I do not need a bath like Tommy.

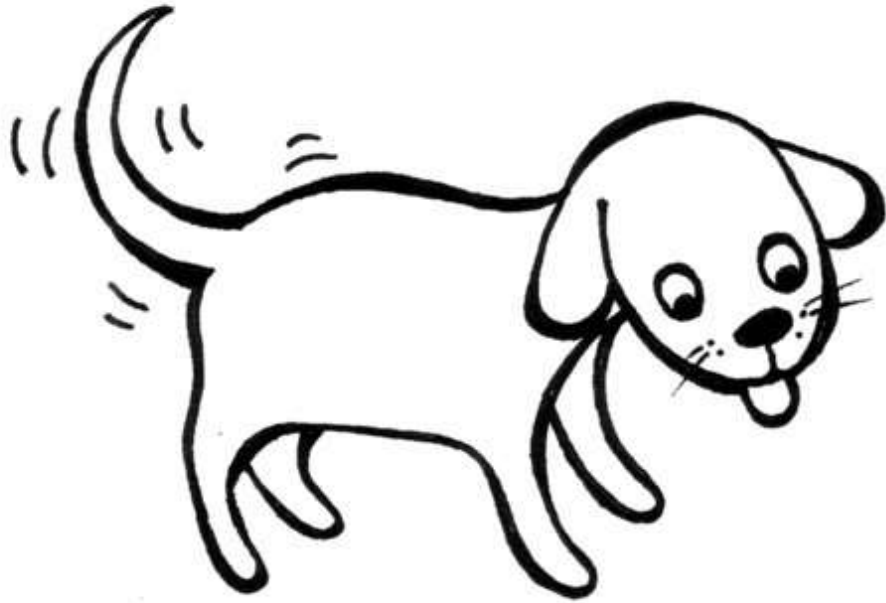
Shhh… don’t tell anyone that I am hiding here.
1… 2… 3… Got you!

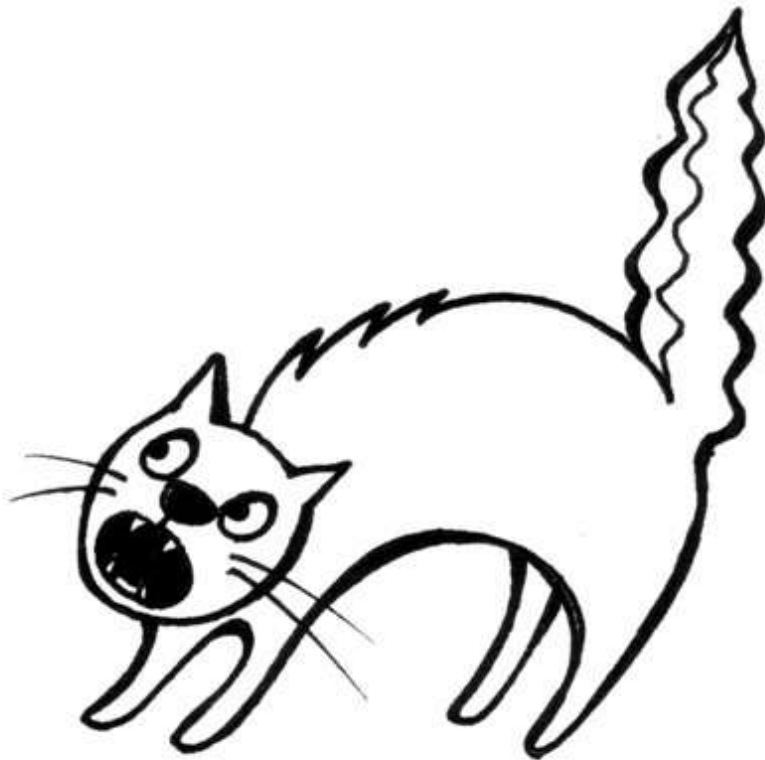
Ma shouts at me, when I bring some tasty food from the garden.

I can climb trees. I can jump. I know all the short cuts here.

Sanju lives nearby. He teases me. It makes me very angry.

Please tell Sanju that the tiger is from our cat family. We have sharp claws.

My friends sometimes make a lot of noise at night. By then I am quietly in bed.

Tails can speak!

Did you know how animals and birds tell us something by using their tails? A dog wags its tail when it is happy. A cat puffs up its tail when it is angry. Often we say, “As clean as a cat”. This is because cats do not like water, yet they are always keeping themselves clean by licking themselves.

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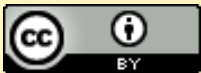
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(English)

You take a bath and cats do not. Yet, who do we call them clean? This book is one of the four books in the 'Animals Around Us' series.

This is a Level 1 book for children who are eager to begin reading.